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Greetings and Happy New Year to each of you! I hope you had a blessed Christmas season and that your heart is refreshed and your spirit is hopeful.

Your District Mission team is praying and planning for 2014.

We have set several goals and we need your help and support to see them accomplished. We are striving to strengthen our "sisterhood" relationships with your local unit. We will make an effort to keep you aware of events and opportunities for exploring new activities to support our Purpose. They are as follows:

- We will visit all of our local units and make contact with churches that do not have units. Please help us by inviting your sister on the Team.
- We will do some financial planning so that Metro South will meet our Pledge to Mission in 2014 and beyond!

- We will challenge and encourage each unit to have at least one member attend our Annual Celebration on September 23 2014.
- And with your help we will have a full slate of officers on the District level for 2015.

That is a lot to accomplish, but I am confident that we can make great strides.

I have asked the team and I am **asking you to pray** for your unit and your District team at least once a week. Please cut out the figure on the next page and put a check mark each time you remembered. Then bring it to the Annual Celebration and receive a SURPRISE!

I hope that many of you will or did attend the Day Apart. I am sure it will be good. I encourage you to attend the Mission Action Day on April 5th in Kaukauna. The registration form is in the social action section of this issue.

You may share the "I PRAYED" sign -crude but I hope it reminds us to pray. God accomplishes great things!

Your president, Dodie Smith, 1927 27th Ave., Kenosha WI, 53140, 262-551-8669,
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Sisters in Mission

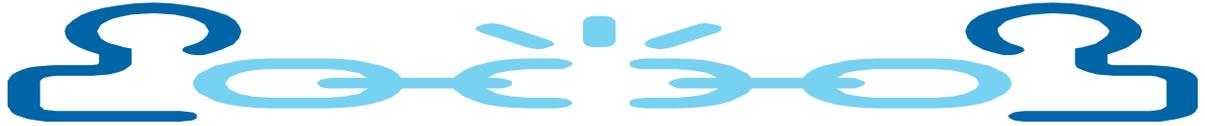
Each Local unit has a sister on the Metro South District team

Members of the District Mission Team hope to visit your unit in 2014. If we do not call you, please call us to set up a time that will be convenient for you. We want to be able to bring information to you and answer any questions you might have. Thanks!

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Racine Faith	Marie Garnhart	414-427-5770
Racine First	Jeanne Heckenlively	414-855-0188
Village at Manor Park	Kady Herr-Yang	414-704-2365
Waterford	Gwenda Szczgielski	262-786-5265
Waukesha First	Betty Henderson	262-439-9840
Waukesha Salem	Arlene Wilson	414 482-1341
Wesley Chapel	Gail Burgess	262-857-2224
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West Allis First	Betty Henderson	262-439-9840
Yorkville	Dodie Smith	262-551-8669

If your unit is not listed here, but you would like a member of the District Mission Team to visit you, please contact Marie Garnhart, 414-427-5770 or email me at sgarnhart@wi.rr.com.

MISSING LINKS IN METRO SOUTH TEAM



- **Vice President**
- **Spiritual Growth Coordinator**
- **Chairperson of Nominations**

RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRICT UMW MISSION TEAM

Please send to anyone on the team

I Recommend _____ For _____

Phone _____ Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Email _____

Race/Ethnicity _____ Church/Unit/City _____

Age: Under 18 ___; 18-30 ___; 31-50 ___; 51-60 ___; over 60 _____

Skills and Talents _____

Your Signature _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I Recommend _____ For _____

Phone _____ Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Email _____

Race/Ethnicity _____ Church/Unit/City _____

Age: Under 18 ___; 18-30 ___; 31-50 ___; 51-60 ___; over 60 _____

Skills and Talents _____

Your Signature _____

Phone _____ Email _____



Treasurer



Hello...I said in the last Uniter that it would be the *last* time I would be writing anything as your district treasurer, but I was asked to give a brief summary of how we did, financially, in 2013. Since I had the records, etc., and our new treasurer, Diana, is just getting started, I agreed to do this.

I'm very happy to report that we made 94% of our \$48,000 district Pledge to Mission! I sent a total of \$45,122.91 to our conference treasurer on the pledge, which included \$40,431.74 given to the mission pledge. The other four areas that also go to our \$48,000 pledge are: Special Mission Recognition--\$900; Gifts to Mission--\$535; Gifts in Memory--\$852.30; and World Thank Offering--\$2,403.87. These five areas made our mission giving total, as I said, \$45,122.91. Also sent in was \$1,089.35 for Call to Prayer and Self-denial; \$177 to various designated mission projects; \$50 towards the Mabel Heil scholarship fund; and \$415 donated for Mission u for a total of \$1,731.35 for mission giving plus. I also passed along some checks totaling \$600 which were designated for specific mission projects, but they were made out to the projects, so I couldn't process them through our books.* To reach 94% of our goal in these hard economic times is fantastic, I think. Congratulations to us! Let's keep up the good work and *maybe* we can reach the 100% mark in 2014.

**In Christian love,
Joyce Myers,
former treasurer**

***Just a reminder, any remittances (checks) sent to Metro South District United Methodist Women must be made out to Metro South District United Methodist Women and then noted on the remittance form what the money is for.**



Our new treasurer Diana is coming on board and learning the ropes. If you need treasurer assistance please give her a call.

**Your Treasurer Diana Xiong 8233 W. Leroy Avenue, Greenfield, 53220 414-462-2887
xiong_diana@hotmail.com**



Secretary



Greetings to all of you in this New Year! I hope it brings blessings to all of our local units.

First of all I want to thank you all for the information provided for the Yearbook. As I write this the 2014 Yearbook is ready to go to the printer, and I will also be forwarding the officer info to Patsy Ruppe our Communications Coordinator, so that she can update her mailing list for the Uniter. Without this info you would not be receiving this issue now.

The 2014 Metro South Yearbook was available for pick up at the Day Apart Event on Jan. 25 at Agape UMC in Brookfield. The fun part of distributing the yearbook at this event is that I get to meet some of the real people behind all of that data. There is one yearbook for each unit. If no one from your unit picked it up, then it was mailed to the president of your unit. If for some reason, no one in your unit has received it by the end of Feb., please let me know.

Also if you find errors that should be corrected, please let me know. We will get the correction made then on the mailing list, if that is affected, and we will put the corrections in the next issue of the Uniter.

Stay warm and watch the days get a minute or so longer each day. Myself, I can't wait for signs of spring.

Your Secretary Marie Garnhart, 7835 W. Canterbury Ct. Franklin, WI 53132. 414-427-5770, sgarnhart@wi.rr.com



Thanks Marie for our Yearbook!

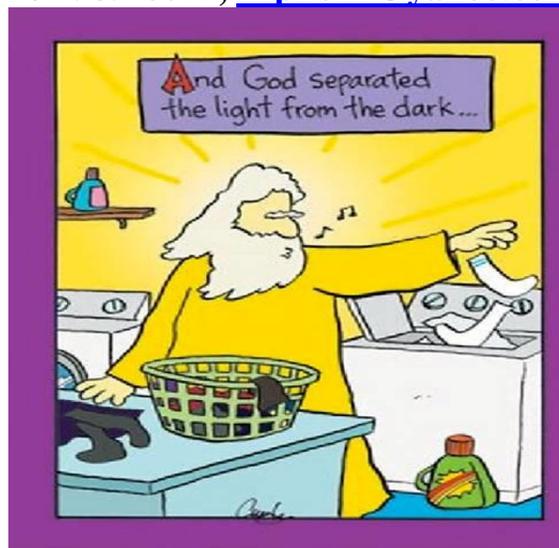


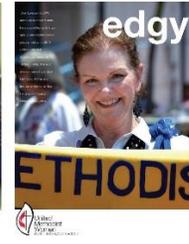
Communications

Do you need **program ideas** for your circle? How about your UMW Sunday?
District members who would be happy to speak include:

- ✓ Patsy Ruppe –
 - Milwaukee's Hmong House of Good News,
 - Haiti (Challenges and Hope),
 - Poverty,
 - UMW reorganization,
 - Forgiveness and reconciliation,
 - Roma of Europe,
 - The call – Living Sacramentally and walking justly.
- ✓ Deanna Shimko - Cambodia Wells
- ✓ Marie Garnhart –
 - an environmental program “Green Thing”
 - Human Trafficking,
- ✓ Dodie Smith – social action topics
- ✓ Kady Her Yang – Evening in Laos fashion show and Hmong buffet benefiting the Hmong House of Good News
- ✓ Gail Burgess –
 - Wisconsin Volunteers in Mission,
 - Faith Alive
 - Mission University “U”

**Your communications coordinator Patsy Ruppe, 2427 Sunrise Rd,
Racine WI 53402, 262-939-8075, xxphbxx@yahoo.com**





Social Action

Social Action is at the heart of supporting our United Methodist Women purpose. Each year priorities are set at many levels of UMW organization and are outlined below for your information and planning.

In 2014 the **Conference** UMW has chosen **6** social actions issues prioritized as follows:

- 1) Charter for Racial Justice,
- 2) Health and Domestic Violence,
- 3) our Wisconsin supported agencies
 - a. Hmong House of Good News in Milwaukee
 - b. Harbor House in Superior,
 - c. United Methodist Children's Services in Milwaukee
 - d. Northcott Neighbor House in Milwaukee,
- 4) Human Trafficking,
- 5) 11 X 15 project to reduce Wisconsin prison population.
- 6) Disabled Persons

In 2014 the **Metro South District** UMW has chosen **3** social actions issues prioritized as follows:

- 1) Charter for Racial Justice,
- 2) our Wisconsin supported agencies
 - a. Hmong House of Good News in Milwaukee
 - b. Harbor House in Superior,
 - c. United Methodist Children's Services in Milwaukee
 - d. Northcott Neighbor House in Milwaukee,
- 3) Disabled Persons

In 2014 what are your **unit** social action issues?

We tried to get in touch with each unit with phone calls at the end of the year as the form to report unit social action issues arrived in December and it was too late to put in the Uniter.

ATTENTION ALL UNITS THIS IS YOUR LAST REMINDER TO SUBMIT YOUR ISSUE PRIORITY FORM TO RUBY DOW. These were due on 1/13/14.

It is on the basis of these forms which represent your desired social action issues to pursue that UMW establish priorities for Conference that are then interpreted in Districts and Units. The National Office reads the priorities from each of the Conferences and thus is prepared to assist us in meeting our goals. Don't forget to send them to Ruby. If you need a form, call or email me and I will send you one.

Issue Priorities are the heart of grass root participation in UMW.

Also on the next 2 pages is the flyer for SOCIAL ACTION DAY. I hope to see you there.

These information links are sent to encourage all UMW to support and encourage our business women members. to lead us to think more about root causes in addition to our charitable giving, and to encourage us to think outside the old wineskins! (the box)!

Please find a link for the New York Times article titled, “**Focused Effort to Narrow Gender Gap on Corporate Boards,**” and links for the Economist articles titled, “**Pennies from heaven,**” and “**Big maq attack**” to be used as **supplements in your social justice work.**

http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2013/10/24/focused-effort-to-narrow-the-gender-gap-on-corporate-boards/?_r=0 <http://www.economist.com/news/international/21588385-giving-money-directly-poor-people-works-surprisingly-well-it-cannot-deal>

<http://www.economist.com/news/business/21588370-50-year-old-export-industry-provides-millions-jobs-has-reinvent-itself-quickly>

Your Social Action Coordinator Betty Henderson, 300 Jennifer Lane, Brookfield, WI 53045, 262-439-9840 bhenderson15@att.net



Mission Action Day

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Peace United Methodist Church
2300 E. Wisconsin Ave.
Kaukauna, WI 54130

Human Trafficking in WI

- Presented by Pastor Heather Brewer, Bloomer/New Auburn UMC - WI Initiatives, what you and your church can do in response to Human Trafficking.
- Lieutenant Steve Elliott, Appleton Police Department -the local response to Human Trafficking.

Elder Abuse

- Diane Mandler, Supervisor of Crisis Intervention and Adult Protective Services with the Outagamie Health and Human Services Department will speak on Elder Abuse.

Online registration available at www.wisconsinumw.org
(cash or check for registration fee of \$12.00 will be paid at the door when registering online)

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ● Sending forth: 2:30 p.m.

Registration is transferrable, not refundable.

2014 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for Registration: **Monday, March 10, 2014**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ZIP Code _____

District _____ Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dietary or other considerations _____

When registering by U.S. Mail, send form and **\$12.00 registration fee** to (registration must be received by Monday, March 10th):

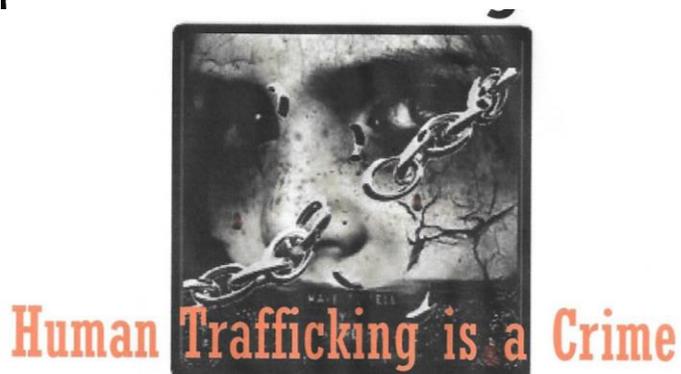
Shirley Carpenter, 2711 North Biron Drive, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-8804

Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin Conference UMW**

Driving Directions to Peace UMC, Kaukauna For Mission Action Day, Saturday, April 5, 2014

- FROM STEVENS POINT/WAUSAU AREA (NORTHWEST): Take 45/10 east. Continue on 441 to the County Road Oo/Northland Ave. exit. Take County Road Oo east (right). Turn right onto Rose Hill Road. Left onto E Main Street. Right onto Hayes Street. Left onto E Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the left.
- FROM MADISON AREA (SOUTHWEST): Take 151 north to Hwy 41 north. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM MILWAUKEE AREA (SOUTH): Take Hwy 41 north. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM GREEN BAY AREA (NORTH): Take Hwy 41 south. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM LA CROSSE AREA (WEST): Take 90 east to WI Hwy 21 east. Take Hwy 21 east (toward Oshkosh) to Hwy 41. Take Hwy 41 north to 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.

For precise directions and map, go to <https://maps.google.com> and type in 2300 E. Wisconsin Ave., Kaukauna, WI 54130 or visit www.peaceunitedmethodist.com.





PROGRAM RESOURCES

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to participate in the UMW Reading Program? I hope so, because many great books for the 2010 - 2014 program are available for you to read. Remember the plan requirements are as follows: Plan 1, 5 books (one from each of the categories of Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth, plus reading the Response magazine); Plan 2, 10 books (two from each category and reading Response and New World Outlook); Plan 3, 15 books (two from each of the five categories and five from any category plus reading Response and New World Outlook); Plan 4, 20 books (two from each of the five categories and ten from any category, plus reading Response and New World Outlook). The list of the books eligible for 2014 is available at www.missionresourcecenter.org.

Some of the study books that count for the UMW Reading Program are as follows:

- **Spiritual Growth:** How Is It with Your Soul? (Not available at the Day Apart)
- **Geographic:** The Roma of Europe
- **Issue study:** The Church and People with Disabilities
- **Children and Youth Study:** The Church and People with Disabilities

Remember, an additional benefit to your unit for participating in the Reading Program is if you have 10% of your unit's members involved (be sure to report that number on the unit Reading Program Reporting Form due in August), your unit will get a \$10.00 certificate to use toward purchasing books for 2015 – a real bargain! Happy reading everyone! Be sure to contact me with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Your Program Resources Coordinator. Gwenda Szczygielski, 13800 W. Park Central Blvd., Apt 422, New Berlin, WI 53151, 262-786-5265, gm53151@wi.rr.com.



Membership Nurture and Outreach



United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

United Methodist Women have **various avenues of membership**. The most common is the **Local Unit** made up of members from a local church. Every woman who indicates a desire to belong to and participate in the global mission of the church through United Methodist Women and its PURPOSE is a member. There is no discrimination in age, race or color. Everyone is invited. You may also join a **Charge or cluster unit, a District unit, become a District member, or an Online member.**

A Cluster unit: This unit consists of women from various churches who showed interest in the mission of UMW, but their numbers are too small to support a local unit.

A District unit: A unit may be formed by women from different churches who choose to meet in a location other than a local church, such as a college, a retirement community, etc.

A District member: A woman may become a District member if there is no active unit in her church or if she is a member of another denomination. Such membership must be authorized by the district leadership team.

An Online member: A woman may become an online member through registration and participation in the United Methodist Women's social network for members, UMWOnline.org.

The only members who must be members of the United Methodist Church are those serving as President of a unit.

So, you have options!

If you have questions, contact one of our District officers. I am happy to be part of this organization and learning as I go. Let us grow together!

**Your Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, Kemi Baiyewu,
4121 – 24th Ave. Kenosha, 53140, 262-764-0639, ajamukemi@yahoo.com**



Education and Interpretation.

Greetings. Since it is snowing outside as I write this, let's take a cruise through the ***five channels of giving.***

- **Pledge to missions.** This pledge starts at the local level, each member pledges an amount they feel comfortable giving. It is then sent to the district or to the Conference and finally to the national level. The district and conference retain a certain percentage for administrative and membership development.
- **Special Mission Recognition.** This lets a group or individual recognize a special faithful person by giving them a special pin.
- **Gift to Mission.** This is used to honor someone for a special reason. Cards are available for this.
- **Gift in Memory.** This honors the memory of a special person. Cards are again available. These gifts make additional mission work possible.
- **World Thank Offering.** For this gift members may have boxes at home to set money into as they see fit. At the end of the year usually in November the money is brought to the local unit. There is a special program in the program book for this day.

The information provided in this article was taken from the 2013–2016 United Methodist Women (UMW) handbook. Hopefully each unit has one. There is information on page 16 and 17 also on pages 70 and 71.

Just a reminder Mission Action day is April 5, 2014 at Peace United Methodist Church in Kaukauna Wisconsin.

Any questions or ideas for future articles are always welcome. Please call me or drop me a line.

Your Education and Interpretation Coordinator, Mary Garvens, 2167 S. 80th St., West Allis, WI 53219, 414-327-5305 (no e-mail)

Spiritual Education Coordinator is vacant.

We are grateful for this article written by Glory E. Dharmaraj who works at the UMW National office in New York City and was available to us from their website. Glory E. Dharmaraj, Ph.D., is director of spiritual formation and mission theology for United Methodist Women.

Ash Wednesday: March 5, 2014

“You are off track. Recalculating.”



We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (II Corinthians 5: 20)

Just a few days ago, I rented a car to reach a vacation spot with my husband. I had the directions figured out with my rented GPS to the place of destination. When I was close to arriving, I made a wrong turn. A gentle but firm voice said, “You are off track.” Then there was a pause. A second or two later, I heard the voice again; this time it reassured me, saying, “Recalculating.” There was no blame, no reproach, and no abandonment. I made a few more wrong turns. The voice never gave up on me, and soon I arrived at our destination. This GPS guided and stayed with me until I completed my journey.

Tryst with Self

Ash Wednesday is about taking time to make sure we are on the right track in our own Godward journeys. It is about checking to see whether we are on track with the purpose for which we are made, to set aside all that distracts us or works against our calling in Christ, and to allow ourselves to be centered on the right path.

In the highway called the mundane, it is easy to lose our way. Sometimes we may not have someone caring enough in our lives to ask us those questions that help us reflect: “Are you on track?” or “How is it with your soul?”

Ash Wednesday invites us to set apart some time for a tryst with ourselves to make way for the voice of the Holy Spirit to be heard, from the distant margins of our lives to the center of our lives, from the cacophony of competing voices to the

core of one's baptismal calling for mission. It requires a shift by grace on our part. Repentance serves as the key.

Ambassadors for Christ

St. Paul describes the identity of Christians as one of being ambassadors of Christ. To live out our Christian calling takes a bold commitment and daily discipleship. It calls for re-thinking, re-orientation, and re-calculation.

When cultural elements and global cross-currents are reshaping our society, being ambassadors of Christ means learning a new mind-set. It is to be in touch with the source of the gentle, whispering voice, and serve as Christ's mouthpiece and reconciling presence.

Ash Wednesday is a milestone in time for a spiritual restoration and inner renewal. We can use it

- to re-orient ourselves with the vision of God's transforming activities in the world,
- to de-junk everything that works contrary to this vision,
- to de-clutter our lives in order to allow the Holy Spirit to create a clean heart in us,
- to let the Holy Spirit "re-calculate" and set us back on track on our Godward journeys, and
- to recommit ourselves to God's intervening grace with our joyful and public expressions of mission with women, children and youth.

Let us enter into this Godward journey this Lent with Jesus journeying with us, angels hovering over us, saints cheering us, into the new world which is God's making and which is being birthed in our midst. We are ambassadors of this Christ who makes everything new. We are God's grace in motion.

When we are told, we are "off track," may we listen to the timely voice and allow ourselves to be re-directed Godward. Amen.



In lieu of a **spiritual retreat** for 2014 we are going to piggy back on a special program about the **African Education and Leadership Initiative (ELI)**. This promises to be a very **up beat** presentation on a very mission related school for young girls in Africa. **Your sister on the UMW mission team will call you or email when we have the date and place.**

Anita Henderlight, executive director of **Africa Education and Leadership Initiative**, will present her program somewhere in south east Wisconsin in May or April 2014. Founded in 2006, **Africa ELI** works in the world's newest country of South Sudan to bridge gender gaps in secondary education by improving access to school for girls and refugees of war. Henderlight travels extensively to mobilize investors and collaborates with Africa ELI personnel, partner agencies, government leaders, and South Sudan's young adults to help them implement skill-building programs and develop sustainable solutions to meet their educational and occupational needs. Anita taught the mission topical study on Sudan a few years ago at **Mission U** and is a **dynamic and passionate speaker** with many wonderful antidotes to tell about her "girls" and this newly formed nation of South Sudan.

In newspapers, you read about the terrible things happening every day in South Sudan! Come and see something **positive** happening in the same country.



Anita Henderlight meets with students at the secondary school established through Africa ELI in South Sudan. Many UMW Units around Wisconsin donate!

For more information, contact Gail Burgess who will be planning this wonderful event at **6510 203rd Avenue, Bristol, WI 5310, 262-857-2224, HB53014@aol.com**

*What is happening right here in our
neighbor hoods?????*

Christ Church UMW in Racine. Over 500 hundred mittens, scarves, hats were made or purchased to give to 16 elementary schools and four agencies involved with the homeless and abused women in Racine. With this COOOOOOLD weather, this yearly mission project will keep everyone a little warmer.

Women's Day of Renewal

A Women's Day of Renewal will be held at Our Lord's UM Church, 5000 S. Sunny Slope Road, New Berlin, on **Saturday, March 15, from 9 am - 3 pm.** The theme is **Knowing God's Love.** Breakfast snacks and a full lunch will be provided. Also, a babysitter will be available for the day. A freewill offering will be taken to offset expenses. Please call Rebecca Radick, study leader and spiritual growth coordinator for Our Lord's UMW, at 262-679-2710 with any questions regarding the day's program. Call the church office at 414-425-7030 with your reservation. It promises to be a day that will greatly help your spiritual growth during the Lenten season.

**DEAR GOD,
I WANNA TAKE A
MINUTE, NOT TO ASK
FOR ANYTHING FROM
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO
SAY THANK YOU,
FOR ALL I HAVE.**



Do you have something to put in the next Uniter? Tell us all about what you have. And what you are giving to support our mission! We want to share our mission work and be connected. Please let Patsy Ruppe communications coordinator know!



LEGACY Women our **Young UMWers!**

Hello and Happy New Year!

Thank you for continuing to keep our LEGACY Women in your prayers! I wanted to give you a **brief update** from our first meeting this on 1/11/14 in Black River Falls UMC. There were only 4 of us who came to the meeting. Julia Mayeshiba lead the meeting because Chelsey Ganzer was unable to make it to the meeting due to a snow storm.

Just a highlight of our **2013 Girls' Night Out in Madison**. There were 28 girls in attendance from ages 12-18 yrs old. Marva Usher-Kerr was the study leader. Everyone had a great time and made lots of new friends.

We are hoping to do **6 events for young adult and youth girls** this year:

1. **Small February talk** in Milwaukee with Mission Intern Albert Longe
 - Possible location: Central UMC
 - We still need to pin down the exact date and time.
2. **Assembly**
 - Advertise on Facebook, district newsletters, contact Pastors and Unit presidents
 - Make posters and send them out to local units that want help advertising
3. **Summer retreat**
 - End of June
 - Tent Camping at Pine Lake
 - Maybe it could have a nature theme? Do devotions and bible study?
4. **Annual Gathering Lock-In**
 - This year we want to have it at Asbury and not a separate church in order to cut down on set up and tear down.

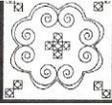
- We want the lock-in to focus on leadership development to get girls fired up about participating in mission in their local churches.
- 5. Collect items for a **small mission project** sometime this year. We want this project to be similar to the Letters to South Sudan campaign we did last year in that it encouraged participation from many age groups as well as did not require extensive organization.
- 6. Fundraise by selling **Equal Exchange Chocolate**. We want to do more rigorous fundraising this year so that we can do a larger event next year.

One big thing we want to do this year is have a more **active Facebook** page. Part of this is to use Facebook as our main line of communication instead of email to make sure all of the committee members are in the loop. We will also try to use our facebook page to:

- Make sure we are letting people know about upcoming events
- Put pictures up from our meetings/events
- Once a week make posts with Bible verses and encouraging things
 - One person will be assigned each week. Within that week, that person must post at least one thing but others are allowed to post as they wish

If you have any questions please call your legacy member Rebecca Yang at 414-704-2365 or better yet have your young people call.





Hmong House of Good News - Moob Tsev Moo Zoo



Did you know at the Hmong House of Good News the following groups of beneficiaries are impacted:

Hmong Elders

- ✓ Are happy and accept that they are persons of worth
- ✓ Experience a caring and supportive environment
- ✓ Understand and live a healthier lifestyle
- ✓ Are able to relate well to other cultures

Hmong Elders families

- ✓ Experience a life that balances the needs of the elders and the family.
- ✓ Support the elders need for development and use of their potential
- ✓ Have “peace-of-mind” knowing that their elders are in a caring and supportive environment.

Hmong Community

- ✓ Acknowledges the complex needs of Hmong Elders in the US
- ✓ Knows that the HHGN is Christian-based, serving Hmong Elders with love and respect
- ✓ Trusts the HHGN to provide safe, enriching and social programs for Hmong Elders
- ✓ Chooses HHGN as the premier adult day service center for their elders

Christian Community

- ✓ Understands that Hmong Elders are poor marginalized refugees.
- ✓ Unites to serve the complex needs of Hmong Elders in the US
- ✓ Experiences Christian fulfillment through hands-on volunteerism and financial support
- ✓ Grows spiritually and culturally through involvement with the HHGN

<http://www.hmonghouse.org>

How Can You Help the Hmong House of Good News?

Hmong Fashion show and buffet. Oak Creek UMW and church hosted the first ever Hmong fashion show and buffet on Nov 15 2013. The theme is an *evening in Laos*. Proceeds will benefit the Hmong House and we are grateful for this collaboration. Should you have questions or would like to schedule one for your UMW or church you can get in touch with Kady Her Yang 414-704-2365. We would like to host **5 of these in 2014.**

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO DO GOD'S WORK: Hmong House of Good News is seeking volunteers to help in a few different capacities to be able to better serve the Hmong seniors that now and will one day utilize the center. We need:

- ✓ a lawyer to advise,
- ✓ medical personnel to provide screenings and education
- ✓ social workers to provide advice, brokerage services and advocacy,
- ✓ one on one volunteers
- ✓ Translators.

Please prayerfully consider helping this vulnerable group of people. For information or to make a commitment, please contact Cheryl Mallow at 920-261-6140 or nonicheryl@yahoo.com.

Would you like to help drive our elders? We will pay you mileage.

UMW Mission Visits. We are always excited to share our testimony and joy to be at Hmong House with our visitors. Why don't you plan to come and join us? Just give our director a call at **Hmong House of Good News** 639 N 25th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233, 414-342-4380 or email us at Hmonghgn@gmail.com. Also Nhia Wahn's Her our director's cell is 920-562-9594.

Designate Hmong House as the recipient of your church's Noisy Collection (Change for Change/Coins Count Up/Empty Your Pockets/etc.). Send the money directly to Hmong House of Good News, c/o Treasurer Patsy Ruppe, 2427 Sunrise Rd., Racine, WI 53402, or to the Wisconsin Annual Conference UMC Treasurer, 750 Windsor St., Sun Prairie, WI 53590. Indicate Advance #7809.

Be a "Partner in Mission." This is a means of sustainable support in which you, your church, or your unit sign up to give Hmong House of Good News a designated amount either monthly or yearly. You may choose to have the money taken automatically from your checking or savings account, or you may pay by check.

Sustainable giving allows us to know when money will be received so that we can manage our budget more efficiently.

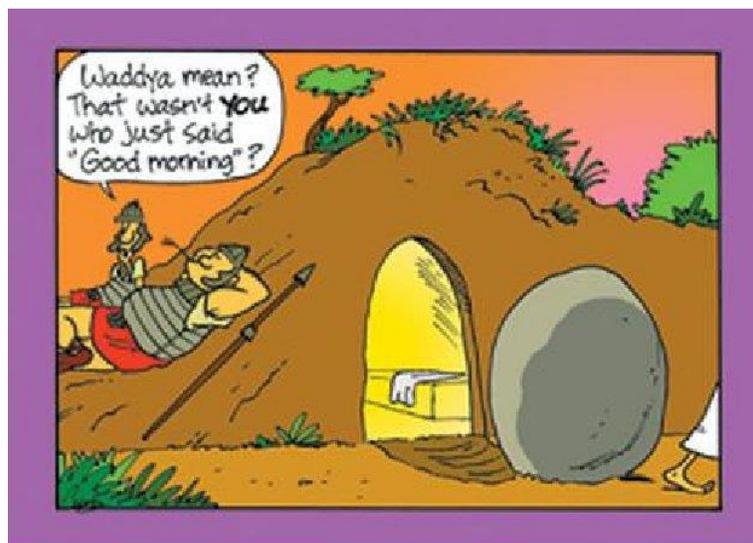


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2014 Calendar of Events across Metro South District

- Jan 25 Day Apart at Agape United Methodist Mission 8:30 to 3pm
 Feb 15 Metro South officer team meeting at Marie Garnhart's 9am-noon.
 April 5 Conference UMW Action Day at Kaukauna Peace UMC
 Apr 15 May UNITER Deadline
 Apr 25-27 Quadrennial Assembly 2014, Louisville, Kentucky
 Apr or May African Education and Leadership Initiative program date/place TBD
 May 4 Northcott Neighborhood House Annual Meeting at Harley Davidson Museum
 May 9-10 Conference team meeting further info to come
 May 17 Metro South officer team meeting at Marie Garnhart's 9am-noon.
 TBD Annual Celebration Planning for Metro North and South
 June 23 Wisconsin Conference Learning Day (at Annual Conference in Sun Prairie, WI. OPEN TO ALL PERSONS OF THE CONFERENCE
 Jul 15 August UNITER Deadline
 July 28 - 31 Mission U in Wausau
 August 1 Mission U Overview Day in Wausau
 Sep 27 Annual Celebration for Metro North and South location TBD
 Oct 17-18 Annual Gathering Conference wide Asbury UMC Madison
 1st Sat Nov Christ Church Racine UMW cookie walk support missions
 Sat, Dec. 6 Metro South officer team meeting at Marie Garnhart's 9am-noon.

Share your mission works and fund raising with other UMWs...be connected with each other. If you would like to add something to this calendar please contact Patsy Ruppe 262-939-8075 xxphbxx@yahoo.com.



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freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;
to develop a Creative, supportive fellowship,
and to expand concepts of mission through
participation in the global ministries of the church.